

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A method comprising:
 - receiving a telephone call;
 - encoding the telephone call;
 - storing the encoded telephone call; and
 - sending an email containing the encoded telephone call.
2. The method of claim 1 further comprising:
 - in response to caller ID information received with the telephone call, retrieving additional identifying information; and
 - including the additional identifying information in the email.
3. The method of claim 2 wherein the additional identifying information is retrieved from a remote website.
4. The method of claim 2 wherein the additional identifying information is retrieved from a local storage.
5. The method of claim 1 further comprising the sending of the email being in response to: receiving a remote request.
6. A method comprising:
 - receiving a plurality of audio communications;
 - encoding each of the plurality of audio communications;
 - generating a video representation of the encoded audio communications;
 - receiving, via the video representation, a request to play back one of the encoded audio communications; and
 - decoding the requested one of the encoded audio communications.
7. The method of claim 6 wherein:
 - the video representation is generated in response to a remote request from a remote location.

1 8. The method of claim 7 further comprising:

2 sending the encoded one audio communication to a remote location; and
3 the decoding being done at the remote location.

1 9. The method of claim 8 wherein:

2 the video representation comprises an html page; and
3 the request to play back comprises an activation of a control in the html page.

1 10. The method of claim 9 wherein the control comprises a hyperlink.

1 11. An article of manufacture comprising a medium having therein instructions which, when
2 executed by a machine, cause the machine to perform the method of claim 1.

1 12. The article of manufacture of claim 11 further comprising instructions which cause the
2 machine to perform the method of claim 2

1 13. An article of manufacture comprising a recordable medium having recorded thereon
2 instructions which, when executed by a machine, cause the machine to perform the method of claim
3 6.

1 14. The article of manufacture of claim 13 further comprising instructions which cause the
2 machine to perform the method of claim 9.

1 15. An apparatus comprising:
2 a communication interface for coupling to a network to receive a telephone call;
3 an encoder, coupled to the communication interface, for encoding the telephone call;
4 local storage, coupled to the encoder, for storing the encoded telephone call; and
5 an email program, coupled to the local storage, for sending an email containing the encoded
6 telephone call.

1 16. The apparatus of claim 15 further comprising:
2 a video display; and
3 a display composer, coupled to the video display and to the local storage, for composing an
4 image on the video display representing the encoded telephone call.